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New Rules Proposed for Use of NLM Services, Collections

The *Federal Register*, on August 25, 1970, published a list of proposed rules which would govern the use of the facilities, collections, and services of the National Library of Medicine, the Nation's central resource for biomedical literature and audiovisual material.

The proposed regulations relate to "access to the facilities and library collections, including audiovisual materials, of the National Library of Medicine and the availability of its bibliographic, reproduction, reference and related services."

Users of the Library's facilities, collections, and services -- public and private agencies, organizations and institutions, and individuals -- are invited to participate in the formulation of these regulations. Comments should be forwarded in triplicate, within 30 days after publication in the *Register*, to the Director, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, for consideration before before the regulations are approved in final form for publication.

NLM Patrons Formulate Own Computer Searches

Beginning in August, visitors to the National Library of Medicine have been invited to try the AIM/TWX experimental on-line system (see *News*, June 1970) which provides access to citations in over one hundred recent medical journals. The system operates from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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The New Medical Library Resources Program

The Resource Grant Program, one of seven programs authorized by the Medical Library Assistance Extension Act of 1970, authorizes grant awards to public or private non-profit institutions for the purpose of establishing, expanding, and improving the resources and services of their health science libraries (see *News*, July 1970).

Institutions may apply for two types of grants:

1. A one-year, non-renewable Resource Improvement Grant to the amount of $3,000 may be made to institutions which wish to establish a health sciences library, or to institutions which have health science libraries with inadequate resources relative to their library service needs and user population. The award is made contingent upon the institution's agreement to provide, with non-federal funds, a minimum of 0.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) library staff member, adequate and appropriately located space for the library, and assurance of continued financial support from non-federal sources.

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A Resource Improvement Grant may be used for the acquisition of books, journals, and audiovisual materials or equipment needed to provide library services.

2. A Resource Project Grant for a period of up to three years is available to those institutions with libraries which meet minimal standards in terms of staff, collection, and institutional support. The applicant must demonstrate his capability to successfully carry out the project, and the proposal must be relevant to the institution's library needs. The scope and purpose of the proposal and the applicant's capability to carry out such a proposal would determine the amount of the request.

"Projects" may range in complexity from a simple plan for the improvement of the delivery of services or a reorganization of the library's collection to the application of newer technologies and computerized procedures.

Applicants who wish to apply for either of these grants must make a detailed assessment of their needs and show an awareness of and coordination with other local and regional medical library service programs. For further information contact: Chief, Resources Division, Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

"The Darkening Day"

"The Darkening Day," a chronicle of the health aspects of environmental pollution, is the title of a new exhibit to be displayed in the NLM lobby beginning September 8.

On display will be numerous photographic illustrations of air and water pollution, throughout the United States, by solid wastes and chemicals. These graphic examples are bound together by the words of noted writers -- from Hippocrates to the scientists of today -- postulating the dangers of environmental pollution to health.

The exhibit will also feature volumes from the Library's extensive historical collection which illustrate the concern of scientists and scholars over the centuries with the life-threatening effects of man's despoliation of his world.

> *"...the share they [waters] have in the affair of Health is very great. Those therefore that are marshy, stagnant, and pooly, must in Summer be unavoidably hot, thick, and stinking...The Spleens of such as drink 'em are always large and thicken'd...their Shoulders, Collar-bones, and Countenance fallen away..."*

Thus wrote Hippocrates, centuries before Christ, in a treatise *Upon air, water, and situation,* the first known systematic effort to present the causal relations between natural environmental factors and disease.

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Three NLM Associates display the certificates presented to them upon completion of their one-year training on August 30: (from left) Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Library Operations (who made the presentations), Miss Barbara Louise Greehey, Miss Cecile Claudette Quintal, Miss Willerma Frazier, and Miss Carol Long, NLM Employee Development Specialist. All three Associates have accepted positions at the Library - Miss Frazier, Extramural Programs, Miss Greehey, Reference Services Division, and Miss Quintal, Technical Services Division.

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The new exhibit will feature a model, especially made for NLM, of an automobile exhaust manifold reactor designed to meet more stringent gaseous exhaust emission standards recently proposed by the Federal Government.

A three-minute 8mm film loop in a self-contained projector will offer recent commentary on "The Darkening Day." The brief motion picture is accompanied by the words and music of Tom Lehrer's "Don't Drink the Water and Don't Breathe the Air."

A variety of current periodicals and textbooks, which treat from many scientific points of view the possible threats to man's health of environmental pollution, will be assembled from the Library's collections. Selected pamphlets and brochures on related topics will be available without charge to visitors.

The exhibit, designed by Daniel Carangi, Graphics Director of the National Library of Medicine, will be on display through December 18. The Library is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday.

New NLM Literature Searches

Single copies of the following new bibliographies are available on request to the Literature Search Program, Reference Section, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Please request the searches by both number and title. (A complete list of available searches is published monthly in *Index Medicus.)*

L.S. No.	Title
70-35	Psychological aspects of transplantation. January 1967 through May 1970. (63 citations)
70-36	Clinical aspects of chelating agents. January 1967 through June 1970. (517 citations)
70-37	Metal implants in humans. January 1967 through June 1970. (319 citations)
70-38	Assisted circulation. January 1967 through June 1970. (179 citations)
70-39	Pesticides and ecosystems. January 1967 through July 1970. (527 citations)
70-40	Health aspects of mining. January 1967 through July 1970. (213 citations)
70-41	Sport medicine. January 1967 through July 1970. (356 citations)
70-42	Genetics and socially deviant behavior. January 1967 through June 1970. (137 citations)